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SUBJECT:SECDEF MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT

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1. ON MONDAY, 5 JUNE SECRETARY BROWN, DEPUTY SECRETARY DUNCAN, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY MCGIFFERT MET FOR FORTY MINUTES WITH PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT, FOREIGN MINISTER OKCUN, DEFENSE MINISTER ISIK AND RESPECTIVE STAFF MEMBERS AT THE
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TURKISH EMBASSY. AMBASSADORS SPIERS AND ESENBEL ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING.

2. SECRETARY BROWN ASSURED THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE PRESIDENT PLACES THE HIGHEST PRIORITY ON THE EMBARGO ISSUE, AND THAT ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS ARE MAKING THE STRONGEST REPRESENTATIONS IN ORDER TO PERSUADE THE CONGRESS OF THE

IMPORTANCE OF REMOVING THE EMBARGO.

3. ECEVIT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE STAND SECRETARY VANCE AND SECRETARY BROWN HAVE TAKEN, AND BROACHED SEVERAL OTHER ISSUES THAT BEAR ON THE SITUATION. HE DEMONSTRATED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN MUCH BROADER COOPERATION IN ARMS PROCUREMENT, STATING THE NEED FOR ESTABLISHING OR ENLARGING INDUSTRIES IN TURKEY TO PARTICIPATE IN COPRODUCTION OF DEFENSE EQUIPMENT, FOR THE NEEDS OF BOTH TURKEY AND OTHER

ALLIES. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE SHORTAGE OF INFRA-STRUCTURE CONSTRUCTION IN TURKEY - TO MEET ECONOMIC AS WELL AS SECURITY NEEDS - AS THE WORST BOTTLENECK AFFECTING NATO COOPERATION. ECEVIT COVERED SOME OF THE OTHER NEEDS OF THE ARMED FORCES, AND FURTHER STATED THAT TURKEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS ON THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED.

4. SECRETARY BROWN TOLD THE PRIME MINISTER THAT DOD WOULD BE EXPLORING THE POINTS THAT HE HAD RAISED, BUT THAT HE SHOULD NOT OVERLOOK THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT. HE POINTED OUT THAT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM, AGREED THAT WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON THE DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT, AND EXPRESSED

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READINESS TO INITIATE JOINT PLANNING AS SOON AS THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED.

5. MORE COMPLETE REPORT OF MEETING BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY. EMBASSY WILL BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY OF ANY PLANS TO SEND DELEGATION OR TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS ON REPLACEMENT DOCUMENT FOR DCA. SUBJECT UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION HERE. VANCE

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